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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To establish a grant program to provide support for housing navigators who assist individuals in navigating local, State, and Federal housing assistance programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Housing Navigators
5 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO PROVIDE HOUSING NAVIGATORS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
3 Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
4 “Secretary”), acting through the Office of Housing Coun-
5 seling, shall carry out a program to make grants to eligible
6 entities under subsection (b) to support education, aware-
7 ness, and enrollment in State and Federal housing assist-
8 ance programs to individuals, communities, applicants,
9 and program enrollees.

10 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—A grant under this section may be
11 made only to a community- or consumer-focused nonprofit
12 group, a trade, industry, or professional associations, or
13 a State or unit of local government, that—

14 (1) will serve as a housing navigator by con-
15 ducting activities described in subsection (c); and

16 (2) has demonstrated to the Secretary that—

17 (A) the entity has existing relationships, or
18 could readily establish relationships, with ad-
19 ministrators of local, State, or Federal housing
20 assistance programs;

21 (B) has knowledge and expertise in local,
22 State, or Federal housing assistance programs,
23 and

24 (C) has existing relationships, or could
25 readily establish relationships, with commu-

1 nities and individuals who would likely benefit
2 from such programs.

3 (c) DUTIES.—An entity that receives a grant under
4 this section shall use amounts from such grant for—

5 (1) conducting in-person public education ac-
6 tivities to raise awareness of local, State, and Fed-
7 eral housing assistance programs in communities
8 where individuals would likely benefit from assist-
9 ance provided by such programs;

10 (2) distribute information concerning eligibility
11 and enrollment processes in such programs;

12 (3) facilitate and assist applicants in the enroll-
13 ment process for such programs, including by offer-
14 ing assistance online, over the telephone, and in-per-
15 son; and

16 (4) provide information in a manner that is cul-
17 turally and linguistically appropriate to the needs of
18 the population being served.

19 (d) STANDARDS.—

20 (1) NAVIGATORS.—The Secretary shall estab-
21 lish standards for entities receiving grants under
22 this section, including standards to ensure that any
23 entity receiving such a grant is qualified and li-
24 censed, if appropriate, to engage in the activities de-

1 scribed in subsection (c) and to avoid conflicts of in-
2 terest.

3 (2) INFORMATION.—The Secretary, in collabo-
4 ration with States, shall establish standards to en-
5 sure that information made available by entities re-
6 ceiving grants under this section is fair, accurate,
7 and impartial.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.— There is
9 authorized to be appropriated for grants under this section
10 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.